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**“Mill Bill” Passes the Legislature, Heads to Governor Evers’ Desk**

**Madison, WI** – A bill authored by Sen. Testin (Stevens Point) and Rep. Krug (Town of Rome) that would help restart the Verso Mill by facilitating its sale passed the Senate on Wednesday after earning bi-partisan support in the Assembly the week before.

“This bill earned support from members of both parties,” said Senator Testin. “They stood with Rep. Krug and with me to support the families who depend on logging and paper-making for a living. I hope Governor Evers will sign this bill and not turn his back on folks in Central and Northern Wisconsin.”

The bill proposed by Rep. Krug and Sen. Testin utilizes federal pandemic stimulus/relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 to create a loan to aid in the mill’s purchase. The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) would be the entity making the loan.

“Governor Evers recently distributed ARPA funds in the form of grants to movie theaters, live-event venues, summer camps, and other tourism related businesses,” noted Sen. Testin. “I’m glad that the tourism industry is getting much-needed help, but our paper and timber industries deserve to be priorities as well.”

After passing the Senate by a vote of 20-12 the bill heads to Governor Evers’ desk.

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